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Short Title: Eugenics Program - Support and Education.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE COUNSELING BENEFITS TO EUGENICS SURVIVORS,
TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO
ESTABLISH A DATABASE OF EUGENICS PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS AND
VERIFY THE STATUS OF PERSONS CONTACTING THE STATE TO
DETERMINE THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE PROGRAM, TO
ERECT A HISTORICAL MARKER ABOUT THE PROGRAM, TO DIRECT THE
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO INCLUDE INFORMATION ABOUT THE
PROGRAM IN ITS K-12 HISTORY CURRICULUM, TO RECOMMEND
CREATION OF AN ETHICS TRAINING MODULE FOR STATE, COUNTY
AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, AND TO DIRECT THE
DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL RESOURCES TO DIGITIZE EXISTING
RECORDS FOR PRESERVATION AND STUDY PURPOSES, AS
RECOMMENDED BY THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON
COMPENSATION FOR VICTIMS OF THE EUGENICS STERILIZATION
PROGRAM.

Whereas, during the early part of the 20th century, social reformers advocated
eugenic sterilization as a solution to problems such as mental retardation and mental
illness; and

Whereas, in 1907, Indiana was the first state to pass a eugenic sterilization
program, and eventually more than 30 states passed these laws, with North Carolina
following in 1929; and